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SUBJECT: ENTRY OF PROTESTORS AT ROK EMBASSY

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1. KOREAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR YU CALLED ON KOREAN COUNTRY DIRECTOR TO DISCUSS APRIL 16 ENTRY INTO KOREAN EMBASSY OF APPROXIMATELY 20 AMERICANS AND KOREANS. THE GROUP ENTERED KOREAN EMBASSY CHANCERY BRIEFLY, AND LEFT MESSAGE PROTESTING PRP GROUP EXECUTION AND SUPPRESSION OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN ROK.

2. YU SAID THAT GROUP ENTERED CHANCERY QUIETLY AND LEFT AFTER PRESENTING MESSAGES. HOWEVER, SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE GROUP, WITHOUT PERMISSION, WENT INTO CHANCERY CONFERENCE ROOM AND A PICTURE OF PRESIDENT PARK WAS TAKEN OFF WALL. USG AGENTS RETRIEVED PRESIDENT PARK'S PICTURE OUTSIDE OF CHANCERY AND RETURNED IT TO THE EMBASSY.

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3. YU SAID THAT EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM MOFA

INDICATING THAT ROKG SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT INCIDENT AND IS CONSIDERING WHAT FURTHER ACTION TO TAKE. AT THIS POINT YU SAID THERE HAS BEEN NO DECISION EITHER TO PROTEST INCIDENT OR TO ENTER FORMAL COMPLAINT AGAINST THE TWO MEN WHO HAD REMOVED PRESIDENT PARK'S PICTURE. HOWEVER,

HE ANTICIPATED THAT MOFA WOULD INSTRUCT EMBASSY TO MAKE FORMAL COMPLAINT. BEFORE DOING SO, YU SAID THAT MOFA HAD REQUESTED FULLEST POSSIBLE INFORMATION ON THOSE INVOLVED IN TAKING PICTURE AND CURRENT STATUS OF ANY USG ACTIONS.

4. COUNTRY DIRECTOR GAVE YU NAMES OF TWO MEN INVOLVED (BOTH APPARENTLY KOREAN RESIDENT ALIENS). ALSO TOLD HIM THAT SINCE PICTURE QUICKLY RECOVERED AND THERE WAS NO PERSONAL OR PROPERTY DAMAGE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT DID NOT INTEND TO TAKE ANY FURTHER ACTION IN ABSENCE FORMAL COMPLAINT. IF KOREAN EMBASSY MAKES FORMAL COMPLAINT, DEPARTMENT WOULD OF COURSE IMMEDIATELY CONVEY THIS TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES. COUNTRY DIRECTOR INDICATED THAT WE COULD NOT OF COURSE PREDICT WHAT DECISION WOULD EVENTUALLY BE WITH REGARD TO PROSECUTION.

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